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Title: IMPROVEMENTS TO A BACTERIAL TWO-HYBRID  
SYSTEM FOR PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION  
SCREENING, NEW STRAINS FOR USE THEREIN,  
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 45 pages, including title page and Abstract, 4 independent claims, and 57 claims total.
2. Drawings - 4 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-4).

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/192,886, filed March 29, 2000 .

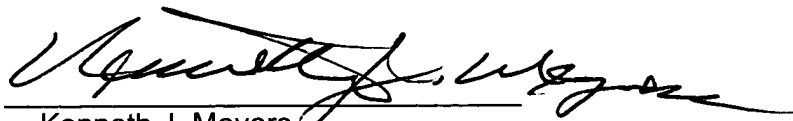
This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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